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From: Daly, Eric
Sent: Wed 8/16/2017 5:57:52 PM
Subject: Niagara County Sites Public Affairs

Good Afternoon:

Dan Telvock contacted me and changed his mind about a phone conference. He informed me he had enough information for now and would check within a month or so in regard to funding. I suggest we continue with HQ public affairs to get a response on how to address the press and public questions. We just don't need to rush this through or make it urgent at this time for a call tomorrow.

Please let me know what you all think.

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Subject: Niagara County Sites Public Affairs

Hi Elias:

Below is the information we discussed regarding Niagara County Public Affairs last month.

Mike, apparently, due to the funding issues, Dave must run this up the chain to HQ for potential Q&A regarding that topic. Should we send an email to Dan addressing his email and letting him know we are working towards a call date/time?

From: Basile, Michael

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:49 AM

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Subject: Re: Niagara County Sites Public Affairs

I concur with Elias on the statement that has been prepared for the Niagara County RAD sites. I do not have anything planned in terms of community outreach at this time.

When we began the process at the Niagara Falls Blvd Site and Holy Trinity Cemetery Site, a fact sheet was prepared and disseminated to the public near each site. At the Niagara Falls Blvd site the public has seen progress during the past year and at the cemetery, further testing as well as the fence installation. At this time I am not receiving any calls pertaining to either site. I feel that we really do not have more to tell the public at this time and the only media interest has been Dan Telvock. I feel we can evaluate community outreach as we approach the demobilization at the Niagara Falls Blvd site/later this summer. If anyone feels that this is not the approach to take then we can talk about it.

The desk statement can be utilized to answer any public/media calls for the foreseeable future.

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Subject: RE: Niagara County Sites Public Affairs

Dave, My two cents. The desk statement itself would be far shorter. See yellow highlighted text. The remainder would be available to offer as Background. Finally, I would delete all references to finances as we already know that ALL public communications re: budgets are being addressed centrally via h.q.

From: Kluesner, Dave
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 2:03 PM
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Subject: RE: Niagara County Sites Public Affairs

Elias,

Please take a look at the summary below. If you're good with it, let Eric know. Thanks for the reminder Eric.

Messaging on Niagara County Rad Sites – July 7, 2017 Draft

The first phase of the cleanup project at the Niagara Radiological sites has been concluded, and exposure pathways have been contained. EPA will begin demobilization with the intent of returning to the sites in 2018 for a further cleanup.

The EPA will begin demobilization actions during the week of July 31st. This work will consist of removal of trailers, containers and equipment that is present at the site. This work will be completed in approximately 7-10 days.

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Only for Background:

~~EPA activities at the Niagara Falls Boulevard site have been suspended for the time being due to the uncertainty with the current budget situation. Funding to complete all of the work, rather than incremental funding, is preferred in order to avoid shutdown and start-up costs, security costs and other maintenance costs that would accrue in between periods of work. Thus, de-mobilization in late July is the approach we are taking. EPA anticipates returning to the NFB Site for removal work in Spring 2018 at the earliest.~~

Work at other Niagara County radiological sites also is on hold for the time being.

- At the Holy Trinity Cemetery site, EPA needs to finalize its official decision document on the cleanup work
- At the 738 Upper Mountain Road, the EPA is still determining if it is eligible for a removal.

Work to be performed during de-mobilization at the NFB Site:

- Management of sample materials
- Emptying and cleaning out trailers
- Radiological “clearance” of all trailers, equipment prior to release off site.
- Pack up and inventory all analytical/survey equipment and ship
- Organizing, packing and shipping records and other office trailer equipment
- De-mob temporary fencing
- Secure fencing in Area 7
- Turn off electricity and cable
- Cancel portable toilet service

For NFB, HTC and 738 Upper Mountain Road:

- We will instruct property owners to inform EPA if any of the existing control measures have been compromised, including:
 - Asphalt pavement as a protective shield
 - Fencing
 - Indications of vandalism
 - Utilities work that involves digging in areas of concern
 - Change in occupancy or use of property
- EPA’s Buffalo Area On-Scene Coordinator (**Peter Lisichenko**) will periodically inspect the control measures at each site.
- EPA’s Buffalo Area Public Affairs Official (**Mike Basile**) will respond to public questions and concerns and work with NYSDEC Public Affairs

- At NFB, the risk to workers and public have been decreased due to removal of material from an office area in GNBC, removal of material from Area 5, sealing off pot holes in the parking lot as well as securing a fence in Area 7.
- At HTC, the risk to workers and public have been decreased due to a permanent chain link fence being installed around the perimeter of Area 1, high visibility fence being installed around Areas 2 and 4, and a radon mitigation being installed inside of an Area 5 residence
- At 738 UMR, the only area of concern identified was the end of the driveway and is not likely to present an immediate exposure risk.

NFB De-Mobilization Reasons:

- ~~- The on-site trailers contain equipment that must be climate controlled in order to avoid permanent damage. There are security matters that also have to be considered with maintaining trailers and equipment on-site. Thus, de-mobilization saves taxpayer dollars.~~
- ~~- Due to the uncertainty with the current budget situation, de-mobilization makes sense. We are still in the early stages of the budget process. The current fiscal year ends on September 30, 2017. We may have a budget passed by October 1 or be under a continuing resolution. Either way, we will not have certainty on a regional allocation of funds for Superfund cleanups for some time. Thus, the funding of work at NFB and other sites needs to have more clarity before moving forward with the work.~~

Exposure Issues:

- There currently are deterrents in place to minimize exposure to radioactive slag materials:

Fences

Pavement

Driveways

- At HTC, the radioactive slag is under a road. Exposure may occur if workers dig up the road, thus, EPA will coordinate with local officials and property owners to inform them of potential risks and will periodically monitor the area to observe conditions
- Risks posed by the slag may be problematic if they occur over a long period of time.
- As long as the shielding (asphalt or concrete) is not broken and the fencing remains in place, exposures will be minimized to below that of concern

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Subject: Niagara County Sites Public Affairs
Importance: High

Good Afternoon:

I was hoping to get an update on the public affairs statement for Niagara County Sites.

Thanks

From: Daly, Eric
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Subject: Niagara County Sites Public Affairs

To assist public affairs with drafting a message regarding our Niagara County Sites, I have attached some notes and figures. Thanks

I have some unfortunate news. I have been instructed by my management to shut down NFB site due to lack of funding. The **earliest** we will return to NFB Site for removal work will be Spring 2018. We will have to mobilize at the site to remove the trailers, containers and equipment that is still staged currently at the site. This should take 7-10 days and is tentatively planned for the week of July 31st.

This lack of funding also means there will be no removal work conducted at the other Niagara County Radiological Sites. In addition to funding, Holy Trinity Cemetery still needs a finalized action memo based on current assessment results and we still need to determine if 738 Upper Mountain Road is eligible for a removal.

Immediate plans

- Tentative date to travel back to site and begin demobe (July 30, 2017). We need to figure a few details out but for the most part this should take 7-10 work days.
- Work to be completed at NFB Site
 - We may have to perform some T&D of sample jar materials. All excavated material that was staged for disposal was transported to the disposal facility in early June 2017.
 - GES will empty and clean out trailers and Conex containers
 - EPA/Weston will radiological clear all trailers, equipment, Conex boxes (Via Swipe/Ludlum 3030) prior to release off site.
 - Pack up and inventory all analytical/survey equipment and ship
 - Organizing, packing and shipping records and other office trailer equipment that is EPA or Weston.
 - Demobe temporary fencing
 - Secure Fencing in Area 7.
 - Turn off electricity and cable.
 - Cancel portable toilet service
- For both NFB, HTC and 738 UMR
 - Instruct property owners to inform EPA if any of the existing control measures have been compromised

- Asphalt shielding
 - Fencing
 - Vandalism
 - Utility issue that incorporates digging in areas of concern
 - Change in occupancy or use of property
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Regards,

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"We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately",
Benjamin Franklin